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Dearest Lost Heart: —

Received both your Friday & Sat. letter this morning. Am very anxious to hear from you as regards to the rooms. Will have to wait until to-morrow, however.

Now look I want to talk about Mom's coming into the hospital on the 14th. Since Friday, or rather Thursday, I have been worrying and fretting, trying to plan out what to do, and now look I am going to ask your advice. As yet, look, there is no relief for my place so that I can start my vacation, and if they advertise again I feel that there is little chance of getting anyone for 2 weeks at the salary they offer. In that way it will drag & drag until I have out. Have just been over to see Mr. Plant about it, and frankly told him that when I leave for my vacation, I am not coming back. So you see dear, when Mr. Plant advertises it will be for a permanent position which will bring better results. Now, lady, that brings my vacation starting on the 15th of April. Mom is coming into the Hosp. on the 14th and naturally, I want her to receive the best care possible, — for which I should have to either be here or come out from Wilkes every day. If I do the latter you can see how much I should accomplish. Since it is impossible for me to get my vacation before Mom comes in, the only way I can see, is to take my vacation starting May 1st, to May 16, (May 1st) By that time, Mom will be made as comfortable and receive all the medical care & attention possible, please God; she will be leaving the hospital well, & I will be busy the preparations for my trip along, as soon as my vacation

begins, & even before, so that in all it would only delay my coming down a week later. I hope to my Claire about someone else collecting my check book, and he said it would be alright. I hope dear I have made myself perfectly clear, & the matter now rests for your answer, so let me know at once. Let me know about the rooms — which honey, do not get anything a hatch. We hope you have not picked any out yet, in the case you agree with me to come down after the 1st. by the month you have no idea, honey what it cost me to make up my mind to postpone the trip. At first I felt as though I simply could not do it, but as mom's condition is so bad & am afraid she will hate hard to make that little sacrifice. The dr. told me if she finds at the end of the 10 days that mom needs more rest & care, she will keep her into the Hosp. as long as necessary. So, then, dear, how comes I have my, and have mom in bed at the Hosp. then too, dear, by that time "it" will be alright. I will go home as much as possible between now & the 1st & so get as much done, sewing etc, as possible and the only thing I will have to worry about (at least I hope so) will be my teeth. But I think might not take more than a week. So all in all it means the difference of one week with us. Dear, you know as I said before simply we have what I have passed thru these last few days. When I saw the postponement of the trip facing me on Thursday, I felt just crushed with a nervous wreck.

The excitement of Nell's going away to-morrow, her vacation starting away a day, my illness, some that cold, running around to see everything was alright for mom, our seeing the doctor, arranging for Helen & Henry to come in the Hosp. to-morrow to have the tonsils taken out, running home to do snatches of sewing, arranging about mom &

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my vacation — and besides all this, waiting for you to make up my mind to my possible post-poning my trip — and waiting hard every day — ~~over~~ you have a vague idea of what I have passed thru. And what is to come — hard! the rush — seeing packing etc!

Now, honey, it stands waiting for your answer. Either I leave the place here on the 15th of april, or the 15th of may, and start my vacation on the respective day. As hard as it will be test, I think, dear, to have me start may 15th; otherwise I don't see how I can possibly do it, and it will probably be after the 15th that I could start down anyway. As this dear, you see turned up so unexpectingly, that it time dies take all the life out of me.

Will close now, dear, as I am dreaming busy.

With all my heart, hugs + kisses, I am just now

Your terribly troubled
wifie.

Am so happy dear, that your tummy is so much better. Take good care of yourself, hear? Am happy, too, that you passed your 2nd degree exam

(over)

Mom has rested in bed Sat & Sunday & says that she feels 100% better. But, of course, no one being home during the week, she will exert herself, which you see is bad for her first nerv. For that reason Dr. Kelly advises the Hosp. rest — where no one will bother or disturb her. You see look, that it is only a rest to the heart which is necessary, and after that Mom will be better than she has been in many a day. Also worry, look, being as there is positively nothing to worry about. If there was I should feel it my duty to tell you so.